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SUBJ: DANES CONTINUE TO OPPOSE KEKKONEN PLAN

REF: A) OSLO 2263, B) HELSINKI 1164,
C) COPENHAGEN 0900, C) STATE 133583

SUMMARY: THE DANES REMAIN OPPOSED TO THE KEKKONEN PLAN FOR
A NORDIC NUCLEAR-FREE ZONE AND HAVE NOT HESITATED TO
CONVEY THIS OPPOSITION TO THEIR FINNISH FRIENDS. THE
LAST TIME WE ARE AWARE OF THAT THE DANISH ATTITUDE WAS
CONVEYED FORMALLY TO THE FINNS WAS AT THE MARCH NORDIC
FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING IN HELSINKI (REF B). THE
DANISH OPPOSITION TO THE PLAN IS BASED ON WELL-KNOWN
HISTORICAL REASONS PARALLEL TO THOSE NOTED
IN REF A. END SUMMARY.

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1. THE DANES DO NOT TAKE THE APPARENT FINNISH PERSISTENCE IN PRESSING FOR A NORDIC NUCLEAR-FREE ZONE VERY SERIOUSLY AND GENERALLY DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE PROPOSAL HAS MUCH CHANCE OF CATCHING FIRE. IN A RECENT LUNCHEON CONVERSATION, FOR EXAMPLE, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY'S FOREIGN RELATIONS AND SECURITY COMMITTEE, PAUL NIELSEN, TOOK THIS VIEW. HE DOUBTED THAT THE SOVIETS WERE PUSHING THE FINNS TO TAKE A HIGH POSTURE ON THE PLAN AND BELIEVED IT WAS MORE LIKELY THAT THE FINNS WANTED TO ACCUMULATE GOOD WILL WITH THEIR SOVIET NEIGHBORS ON WHICH THEY MIGHT WISH TO DRAW LATER.

2. WHILE AGREEING THAT THE SOVIETS MAY NOT BE DIRECTLY BEHIND THE CURRENT FINNISH REVIVAL OF A NORDIC NUCLEAR-FREE ZONE, THE HEAD OF MFA'S EASTERN EUROPEAN OFFICE, FRIIS-MOLLER, COMMENTED SEPARATELY THAT IT WAS NEVERTHELESS IN SOVIET INTERESTS TO KEEP THE PROPOSAL ALIVE. THIS INTEREST HAS OBVIOUSLY BEEN COMMUNICATED TO EASTERN EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS WHICH TOUT THE PLAN FROM TIME TO TIME WITH THE DANES. HE RECALLED, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT THE MATTER WAS RAISED BY THE CZECHS DURING THE VISIT THERE IN APRIL BY THE DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER. FRIIS-MOLLER SAID THAT THE SOVIETS WERE LOOKING TO THE POST-CSCE PERIOD AND PLANNING NEW INITIATIVES. HE SPECULATED THAT A REVIVAL OF SOMETHING LIKE THE KEKKONEN PLAN MIGHT BE ONE WHICH WOULD FIT INTO LONG-STANDING SOVIET AND EASTERN EUROPEAN PROPOSALS TO "DISSOLVE" BOTH THE NATO AND THE WARSAW PACT.

3. COMMENT: WHETHER OR NOT THE SOVIETS ARE PULLING THE STRINGS HERE, THE DANES DO NOT ENVISAGE A FORESEEABLE SET OF CIRCUMSTANCES EMERGING WHICH WOULD CAUSE THEM TO CHANGE THEIR OPPOSITION TO THE KEKKONEN PROPOSAL.
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